



Bay Area Transportation Basics

If there is one characteristic that defines Bay Area residents, it's our desire to go places. Whether it's around the block or around the Bay – walking, bicycling, driving or riding public transit – we are footloose folks, on the move 24/7. To reach our destinations, from one end of this nine-county region to the other, we make use of a complex network of sidewalks, streets, roads, bike trails, freeways, bridges, buses, ferries and rail systems that link together above and below ground, under and across the Bay, and across town, city and county boundaries. Dozens of agencies and organizations work cooperatively to operate and maintain this network, from state agencies such as Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol, to local governments and transit agencies.

These key facts and figures sketch the rough dimensions of the Bay Area transportation network and help bring it into focus.

THE BAY AREA

9	Counties that touch San Francisco Bay: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano and Sonoma
101	Municipalities
7,179	Square miles of land

THE PEOPLE

In 2006	
7.1	Million population
3.6	Million jobs
By 2030	
8.7	Million population
5.1	Million jobs

THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

1,420	Miles of freeways and state highways
340	Miles of carpool lanes
19,400	Miles of local streets and roads
9,000	Miles of bus routes
470	Miles of rail transit
5	Commuter ferry lines
8	Toll bridges
5	Public ports
3	Major commercial airports
750	Miles of bikeways in the regional bicycle system, including the nine-county Bay Trail (and an additional 1,300 miles of new bikeways are proposed).



THE BUDGET

\$4.7	Billion (on average) in public funds will be spent every year on Bay Area transportation over the next 25 years.
84%	Share of spending devoted to maintaining and operating the region's existing road, highway and transit network.
16%	Share of spending directed to new projects or system expansion.
63%	Share of funding that will go to support public transit – for operations, rehabilitation and expansion.

THE AUTOMOBILE

4.6	Million cars owned regionwide in 2006
1.8	Cars per household
2.0	Most cars per household (average): Santa Clara County
1.1	Fewest cars per household (average): San Francisco County

THE COMMUTE

In 2005, Bay Area workers commuted by:

69%	Driving alone
11%	Carpooling
10%	Public transportation
10%	Working at home, walking, bicycling or other means

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

475+	Million trips a year are logged by Bay Area transit riders, on routes offered by some two dozen public transit agencies.
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Rail Operators

Altamont Commuter Express

BART

Caltrain

Capitol Corridor

Largest Bus Transit Operators (and areas served)

AC Transit
(Western Alameda & Contra Costa counties, San Francisco)

County Connection
(Contra Costa County)

Golden Gate Transit
(Marin & Sonoma counties, San Francisco)

Muni
(San Francisco)

SamTrans
(San Mateo County, San Francisco)

Valley Transportation Authority
(Santa Clara County)

Major Ferry Systems

Golden Gate Ferry
(Marin County, San Francisco)

Alameda/Oakland Ferry
(Alameda County, San Francisco)

Vallejo Baylink Ferry
(Solano County, San Francisco)